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Two-state. Chase

▶ Philadelphia police and crime scene investigators check out this police car that was smashed when Shayna Sykes and Blake Bills (inset) allegedly hit a city police officer in a police car the couple stole. A chase started in Camden and ended in Northern Liberties. {page 02}

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High and wild: Cops accuse two of leading bizarre chase

Couple allegedly stole a Camden police car and drove to Philly ◗ Cops said woman stole a city police car, too ◗ Drugs most likely involved, one official said

A Pennsylvania couple allegedly stole two police cruisers yesterday and led officers on a wild ride, sparking a high-speed chase that started in South Jersey and ended in Northern Liberties.

"It just was bizarre," Philadelphia Deputy Commissioner Richard Ross said. "In my time on this job, I've never heard of an instance where two police cars were stolen in the same incident."

Investigators said an officer in Camden, N.J., exited his marked patrol car shortly before 10 a.m. while conducting an unrelated vehicle stop.

That's when 23-year-old Shayna Sykes and fiancee Blake Bills, 24, both of Macungie, Pa., allegedly jumped into the officer's vehicle and mowed him down. He suffered injuries to his lower extremities.

Authorities said the couple led police on a chase over the Benjamin Franklin Bridge.

They allegedly struck several cars near 7th Street and Lehigh Avenue and narrowly missed a pedestrian, who was evaluated for minor injuries.

Though Bills was apprehended, Sykes struggled with officers and was allegedly able to commandeer a second patrol car belonging to Philadelphia police.

After yet another chase, Sykes eventually came to a stop on Hope Street in Northern Liberties and was taken into custody.

▶ In better times, Shayna Sykes and Blake Bills take in a Phillies game. The couple now face prosecution after stealing two cops cars.

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Police protocol

Ross said officers are supposed to remove their keys from the ignition during traffic stops.

- "We could harp on that part, but the biggest piece for us is that no one was hurt," he said.
- He said he's pleased with the officers' conduct and pointed out they often need to make split-second decisions while on the job.
- "You can Monday-morning quarterback all day long, but at that particular time, I think it's safe to say that the officers, the first decision they had to make was the safety of their fellow officers," he said.

She and Bills are both charged with resisting arrest, DUI, eluding police and related offenses.

The Camden County Prosecutor's Office and officials with Philadelphia and Camden police have launched a joint investigation into the crime.

Ross said he expects the couple would be extradited back to New Jersey in the next few days to face prosecution.

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Drugs suspected

Police said the two suspects were both registered at the same address on the 300 block of Oxford Road in Macungie, where they apparently lived with the 7-month-old child they shared. The child's grandmother, who also lives at the location, recently filed a missing-persons report because the couple left the baby in her care and failed to return home, according to Ross. Ross also said investigators believe illegal substances may have played a role in the bizarre crime, which he described as "bold," "reckless" and "absolutely crazy."

"You best bet a toxicology will be done and we do have every reason to believe that drugs were involved," he said.

Though he wasn't aware of any drugs found during yesterday's arrests, Ross said he couldn't think of another explanation for the events.

Quoted

"Given what happened and how crazy it is, you put two and two together."
ROSS

In the news

43%

A new study released Monday by Health Affairs found women's life expectancy declining in 43 percent of the nation's 3,141 counties, according to The Associated Press.

Some leading theories blame higher smoking rates, obesity and less education, but several experts said they simply don't know why.

For men, life expectancy has held steady or improved in nearly all counties.

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Local tweet

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In the news

Temple's sixth fire again ruled arson

Arson has been confirmed yet again at the $216 million, 27-floor residence hall rising from Temple University on North Broad Street after a morning fire yesterday, federal officials said.

FILE PHOTO

▶ That's six fires in a month for the dorm.

No suspects are in custody at this time and damage was not substantial, said Steven Bartholomew, spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The fire was reported around 9:45 a.m. yesterday. It started inside a trash container on the 14th floor. Bartholomew said there were no injuries.

Arson caused upward of $100,000 in property damages to the building in early February, federal officials said.

Bartholomew said there were some differences in this case, and officials are treating it as a separate incident. More than 200 employees are on the site daily.

A $15,000 reward for information leading to the capture of those responsible for the arson is still in place. The ATF has followed up on some leads, Bartholomew said.

The Philadelphia Field Division of the ATF would contribute $5,000 and the L.F. Driscoll Company would contribute up to $10,000. The first five fires occurred on the 11th, 12th and 16th floors. Call the ATF 24/7 hotline 1-888-ATF-FIRE with information.

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▶ Northern

Housing Authority hires executive VP

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) hired David A. Northern Sr. as its executive vice president of housing operations.

Northern will oversee PHA's public housing programs, including conventional developments, scattered site housing and tax credit sites. His annual salary is $155,000.

Northern served as the executive director and chief executive officer of the Lake County Housing Authority.

Former Executive Director Carl Greene, who was fired in September 2010, settled a federal lawsuit with the agency in early February for $625,000. PHA Commissioners tossed Greene after learning their executive director settled multiple sexual-harassment complaints against him without telling the agency. METRO

Female Temple students bound, robbed during home invasion

Philadelphia police are investigating a violent home invasion robbery that targeted four Temple University students.

Three men followed a female Temple student home Monday night and forced her inside her off-campus apartment on the 1800 block of North 18th Street, according to police.

The men then reportedly bound the woman and her three roommates and duct-taped their mouths. The suspects allegedly robbed the women. No injuries were reported. METRO

City Council to vote on sick pay for small-business workers

Rosemary Devine waits tables in town, and what she sees makes her queasy: sick restaurant workers pulling themselves into work because they can't afford to miss a day's pay.

"We're touching plates, we're touching silverware," Devine said. "Germs spread very quickly. People in the kitchen, making your food, don't take paid sick days."

City Council will vote on a bill as early as next week that would force local businesses with more than six full-time employees to offer paid sick days.

A similar bill was approved but vetoed by Mayor Michael Nutter in 2011. Councilman Bill Greenlee, who resurrected the bill, made 23 changes to the original. Officials testified for and against the new plan yesterday.

Deputy Mayor Alan Greenberger said the bill would damage the city's economy. He said it would hurt the city's ability to compete in the global marketplace, and deter businesses looking at Philly.

"It's the goal of this administration to make it easier to do business in the city," Greenberger said. "This proposal adds one more cost to businesses already dealing with a difficult economy."

Greenlee was upset that Health Commissioner Donal Schwarz did not attend the hearing. He called the snub "totally disrespectful."

"A big part of this is the health of Philadelphians, of low-income workers," he said. "And to steal a line from Jack Nicholson, 'You can't handle the truth!'"

Twelve of the 17 council members' approval is required to beat a second veto.

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▶ Deputy Mayor Alan Greenberger fights against the bill as protesters flaunt their signs behind him.

Sick-day plan

The plan would require:

- Small-business workers would receive one hour of paid sick leave for every 40 hours they have worked.
- Businesses with fewer than six employees would not apply.
- Businesses that employ between six and 20 employees would be required to give upward of four paid sick days per year.
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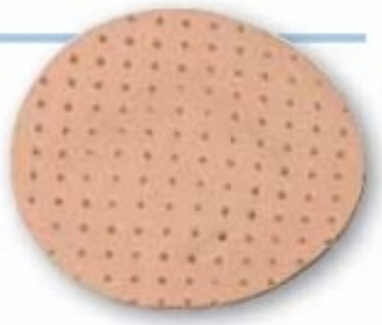

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Strip club sued in patron's DUI death

A wrongful death lawsuit filed Monday against Club Risque claims the strip joint's Tacony location — which employs "pay-for-pour" shot girls — negligently and carelessly over-served a patron in September while knowing the man intended to drive.

Northeast resident George Fadgen, 46, allegedly "staggered" to his car Sept. 8 shortly after Club Risque closed.

According to the suit, Fadgen, "as a result of being profoundly intoxicated, lost control of the motor vehicle and sustained a terrifying motor vehicle accident."

The complaint alleges Club Risque's employees continued to serve Fadgen even though he was visibly drunk.

"Club Risque, as asserted in the complaint, broke the law by failing to operate in a lawful manner that would have protected George Fadgen from harm," said attorney Michael Barrett, who filed the suit on behalf of Fadgen's parents. "Now it must be held accountable for its actions."

Club Risque allegedly has no drink limits and no policy when it comes to cutting off customers.

The club further encourages shot girls and bartenders to continue serving alcohol to patrons, the complaint states.

"Club employees get commissions on every shot poured, so there is financial incentive to overlook, as in the case of Mr. Fadgen, a customer who is visibly intoxicated and should be shut off," Barrett said.

"With every shot, practically up until the club closed, Mr. Fadgen was one ounce closer to his untimely and preventable death."

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Timeline

According to the criminal complaint:

- Fadgen was at the club for about three hours and spent upward of $300 on alcohol.
- He visited the club's ATM at 10:15 p.m., 1 a.m. and 1:55 a.m., each time withdrawing $100 to purchase drinks. It is estimated that he consumed eight to 10 beverages before leaving.
- Fadgen lost control of his car less than two miles away from the club, on I-95 near Bridge Street. He flipped the vehicle onto its roof and was thrown from the car, landing about six feet away.
- Fadgen died shortly before 2:30 a.m. of multi-system organ failure and a "massive head injury." His blood alcohol level was .19

Mayor. Reads

▶ Oh, the places Mayor Nutter will go!

BEKARD LABNA/METRO

It's the mayor in the hat

Philadelphia reads — and so does Mayor Michael Nutter. He visited Spring Garden Elementary School yesterday to read Dr. Seuss' "The Big Brag" as part of Read Across America Week, a nationwide celebration of reading. The event was sponsored by Philadelphia Reads and US Airways. METRO

In the news

Sixers' Harris only billionaire owner in town

The Philadelphia 76ers owner is worth more than $2 billion and is ranked this year on Forbes annual billionaires' list. Joshua Harris, 48, gained $600 million in the past year. He is worth an estimated $2.1 billion. It ranks him 243 in the U.S. and 704 in the world. Harris, along with nine others, bought the team for $280 million from Comcast in 2011. Harris is a 1986 graduate of Penn's Wharton School. Harris is the only Philadelphia team owner on the list. Missing is Philadelphia Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie, who made the 2012 list. METRO

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US Web shoppers shrug over same-day delivery

Same-day delivery, one of the hottest e-commerce trends, is too expensive for most U.S. consumers, raising the risk that this could become another online shopping fad that goes cold, according to a survey released yesterday.

The Boston Consulting Group recently asked 1,500 U.S. consumers what would get them to shop more online, and only 9 percent cited same-day delivery. Almost three-quarters of respondents said free delivery would do the trick, while half of those surveyed said lower prices. Consumers said they would pay $7.50, on average, to get a $50 online purchase on the same day. **REUTERS**

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THE DAY'S NEWS AT A GLANCE

Meditation? There's an app for that

A new smartphone app aims to ease stress and guide users through meditation by monitoring brain waves that change as people become more relaxed. Transcend, made by the Canadian company Personal Neuro Devices, links the phone to a separately sold headset that records electrical activity along the forehead. The user picks the duration of the meditation and can also listen to a guided audio meditation. **REUTERS**

German flight to host comet tourists

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▶ Nature's slingshot

A German travel agency is selling tickets for a flight to give 88 astronomy buffs a close-up view of one of two rare comets expected to pass Earth this year. Eclipse Travel, based in Bonn, has joined charter agency Air Partner and airline Air Berlin to organize flight AB1000 on March 16 as comet Pan-STARRS passes through the solar system, 100 million miles from Earth. The last comet to dazzle Earth's nighttime skies was Comet Hale-Bopp, which visited in 1997. **REUTERS**

Bolshoi Ballet dancer detained in acid attack

Russian police detained one of the Bolshoi Ballet's top dancers yesterday over an acid attack that nearly blinded the troupe's artistic director and exposed fierce backstage rivalries at the famed theater. Russia's Interior Ministry said in a statement that Pavel Dmitrichenko, a Bolshoi soloist who is to dance in "Sleeping Beauty" this month, is suspected of plotting the attack that left Sergei Filin, 42, with severe burns after a masked assailant threw a jar of acid in his face. Police also said they detained a man suspected of carrying out the attack and another thought to have driven to the crime scene. **REUTERS**

The victim, Sergei Filin

Optimism lifts Dow to new high

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▶ Traders were ready to give the stock market a high-five yesterday.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average surged to a record high yesterday, breaking through levels last seen in 2007 as equities jumped 1 percent in a broad rally.

Investors poured money into blue-chip stocks in expectation of more gains amid signs of a strengthening U.S. economy. The Dow has gained nearly 9 percent so far this year, ahead of the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite Index.

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Stocks hit new yearly highs on NYSE. Ten of the Dow's 30 component stocks also reached new 52-week highs.

Analysts said the advance was linked less to one specific catalyst and more to the same factors that have been driving this year's rally. **REUTERS**

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Kerry says US wants to see N. Korea take steps for peace

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▶ A South Korean policeman holds a North Korean prisoner of war at gunpoint as he marches him to a stockade during the Korean War in 1953.

Secretary of State John Kerry said yesterday that Washington hoped North Korea would engage in negotiations to resolve world concerns instead of threatening to scrap a 50-year-old truce with the South.

Pyongyang threatened to scrap the agreement that ended a 1950-53 civil war and sever a military "hot line" with the United States if South Korea and Washington pressed on with two-month-long war games.

"Rather than threaten to abrogate, the world would be better served if [North Korea] would engage in legitimate dialogue," Kerry said yesterday during a joint news conference with his Qatari counterpart, Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim al-Thani. "Our preference is not to brandish threats, but for peaceful negotiations," he added.

North Korea's threat was a notable sharpening in the country's often bellicose rhetoric and followed word that the United States and China had struck a tentative deal on a draft U.N. sanctions resolution that would punish North Korea for its third nuclear test. **REUTERS**

Still at war

▶ The Koreas remain technically at war since the 1950-53 conflict ended in an armistice rather than a peace treaty.

John Kerry dismisses Rodman's N. Korea visit

Secretary of State John Kerry yesterday brushed

off a visit to North Korea by former basketball great Dennis Rodman, suggesting the sportsman was no diplomat. Rodman emerged from four days in North Korea on Friday, calling the leader of the reclusive country, Kim Jong-un, "an awesome kid." The five-time NBA champion known for his tattoos, body piercings and flamboyance was there to film a sports documentary and watched a basketball game alongside Kim. **REUTERS**

In the news

Clock running out as Obama faces pressure on Iran

WASHINGTON. Vice President Joe Biden said there remains "time and space" for diplomacy aimed at averting military action to prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear weapons power.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Iranian soldiers

Still, the pressure on President Barack Obama's administration to move toward military action is growing as Iran advances its uranium enrichment capabilities, and Israel and Persian Gulf allies press for results.

"The clock is ticking and the president has made that clear," Kerry said in an interview in Doha with Andrea Mitchell of NBC News. "The president's policy is that Iran will not get a nuclear weapon." Iran is using negotiations to "buy time" to pursue a nuclear weapons program, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday in a video address to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's annual conference in Washington. Although Iran's uranium enrichment activities have yet to cross Israel's "red line," the Islamic Republic is "getting closer" to the point where it would be capable of quickly producing a nuclear weapon, he said. **BLOOMBERG**

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Hugo Chavez dead at 58

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has died after a two-year battle with cancer, ending the socialist leader's 14-year rule of the South American country, Vice President Nicolas Maduro said in a televised speech yesterday. The flamboyant 58-year-old leader had undergone four operations in Cuba for a cancer that was first detected in his pelvic region in mid-2011. His last surgery was on Dec. 11, and he had not been seen in public since. Chavez easily won a new six-year term at an election in October and his death will devastate millions of supporters who adored his charismatic style, anti-U.S. rhetoric and oil-financed policies that brought subsidized food and free health clinics to long-neglected slums. Detractors, however, saw his one-man style, gleeful nationalizations and treatment of opponents as traits of an egotistical dictator who wasted a historic bonanza of oil revenues. **REUTERS**

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▶ Chavez and Cuba's Fidel Castro

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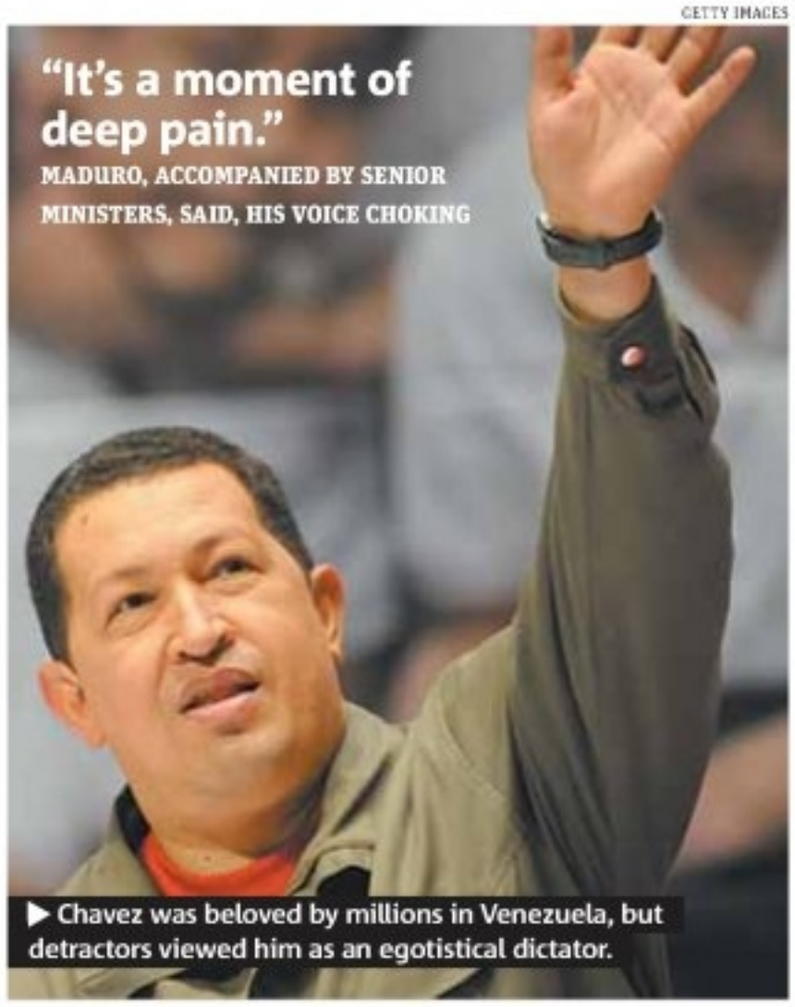

"It's a moment of deep pain."
MADURO, ACCOMPANIED BY SENIOR MINISTERS, SAID, HIS VOICE CHOKING

▶ Chavez was beloved by millions in Venezuela, but detractors viewed him as an egotistical dictator.

US, Chavez had history of tension

▶ Chavez gave fuel to families in need.

Hugo Chavez's strained relationship with the U.S. government may best be exemplified by his opening line in a speech to the United Nations in 2006.

"Yesterday the devil was here. It smells of sulfur still," Chavez said, directly attacking then-U.S. President George W. Bush, who had been on the same stage the day before.

That discord continued as recently as yesterday, when Venezuelan authorities expelled two U.S. troops who allegedly participated in acts of conspiracy against the government. Last month, the U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry mentioned that one of his objectives is to improve relations with Venezuela.

On multiple occasions over the years, Chavez spoke against the U.S. government. He associated with countries hostile to the United States, such as Cuba and Iran, among others. Chavez said on more than one occasion that he had evidence that the United States had developed a plan to invade Venezuela. He also accused the U.S. of collaborating with the failed coup of 2002 and even spoke of a plot to assassinate him. At one point, he hinted that the U.S. may have been involved in infecting leaders of leftist governments with different types of cancer.

At all times, the United States denied the accusations of Chavez and his government.

Despite these tensions, the Venezuelan government has never stopped selling oil to the United States, even partnering with former Congressman Joe Kennedy to deliver free fuel to hundreds of thousands of American households in need.

Big names also showed sympathy for Chavez. Filmmaker Oliver Stone portrayed him in the documentary "South of the Border" in 2009. Since then, he worked closely with the Venezuelan leader and recently said on national television that Chavez did for Venezuela what Barack Obama was doing for the United States to improve the condition of life of their constituents.

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@Rosie: On my way to film SMASH - love that show so much ... I am playing me - luckily I have done a lot of research ;)

@PaulaAbdul: So how did you spend the 1st weekend in March? Are you still on track with those #goals you set on Jan 1st?

What is going on with Kim K's maternity clothing?

As a woman who has grown a baby in her uterus, I know how hard it is to find good maternity clothing. So I can relate to **Kim Kardashian**'s problem finding a flattering pregnancy wardrobe. However, I'm not sure why she's continuing to dress like she isn't pregnant. My theory? Her fashion plate boyfriend, **Kanye West**, has something to do with it. So I hope he looks at her recent attempts and is like, "Yo, honey. Here are some stretch pants from Gap and a nice wrap dress. We can pick up this 'haute couture' stuff up later."

Case in point: As soon as Kardashian started to show, she decided to don this mesh-leather-feather-pants ensemble which made her resemble a motorcycle-riding ostrich. Then, on Saturday, she wore this ill-fitting white ensemble in Beverly Hills, which is made for a much taller, much less knocked-up person.

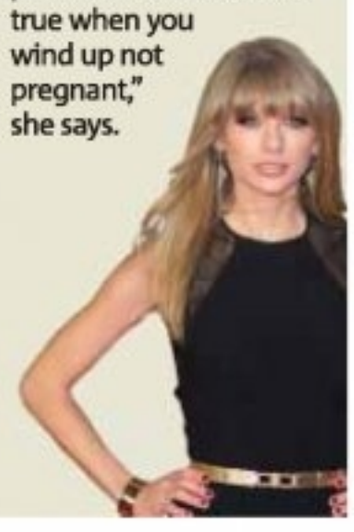
▶ Leave the high fashion at home, Kim. Take a page from Kate's book and go with simple, bump-flattering choices.

I'm not saying you can't look nice while pregnant (look at **Kate Middleton**, who is sticking to basic, bump-flattering outfits, like this belted jacket she wore yesterday in Grimsby, England).

I'm just saying that you should respect the bump and your growing body — instead of squeezing into high fashion.

Swift: Back it up, people

Taylor Swift has some news for everyone keeping track of her love life. "If you want some big revelation, since 2010 I have dated exactly two people," she tells Vanity Fair, referring to high schooler **Conor Kennedy** and One Direction member **Harry Styles**. "The fact that there are slideshows of a dozen guys that I either hugged on a red carpet or met for lunch or wrote a song with, it's just kind of ridiculous." But she doesn't let all the talk get to her. "If there's a pregnancy rumor, people will find out it's not true when you wind up not pregnant," she says.



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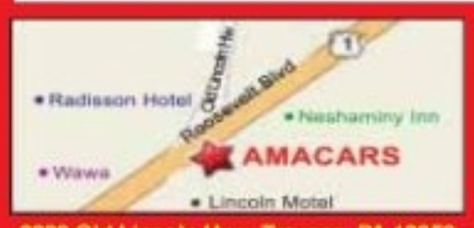

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Elvish creature spotted in Japan

1: We're not really sure what this is all about, but this is apparently a singer, **Kyary Pamyu Pamyu**, and she was in Tokyo yesterday to launch the new GU logo (again, we have no idea what's going on here).

2: "I didn't do it, honestly!" **Martha Stewart** testified in Manhattan Supreme Court yesterday. Macy's is suing J.C. Penney and Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia because the store wants to sell Stewart's merchandise, which is contracted to Macy's.

3: You guys, "Jersey Shore" has a British spin-off. Cast members from "Geordie Shore" — **Charlotte Letitia Crosby**, **Vicky Pattison** and **James Tindale** — posed at Sydney's Bondi Beach yesterday.

4: Tina Fey looked snazzy in blue yesterday at the New York City premiere of her upcoming film "Admission," which co-stars Paul Rudd.

5: Well, hey there, **Dylan McDermott**. You're lookin' pretty good these days. The actor attended the Cinema Society and Make Up For Ever screening of "Electrick Children" in NYC on Monday.

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Painting outside the box at PMA

‘Great and Mighty Things’ exhibit at the Art Museum celebrates the work of outsider artists

Asked to define what attracted him to the work of outsider artists, Sheldon Bonovitz once blurted out a phrase that he would come to repeat often: “There’s no fence around genius.” Bonovitz, chairman emeritus of the Duane Morris law firm, repeated that story last week at the opening of “Great and Mighty Things,” an exhibition created from more than 200 pieces recently donated to the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Bonovitz and his wife, Jill, a ceramic artist who cofounded The Clay Studio in Old City, have been collecting the work of American outsider artists for more than three decades. “We started buying when it was a very young field,” Bonovitz said at the opening. “It wasn’t until maybe eight or 10 years later that people started referring to it as a ‘collection.’”

That collection will now establish the Art Museum as one of the country’s leading repositories for outsider art, according to museum director and CEO Timothy Rub. “This gift is both transformative and also forward-looking,” Rub says, “establishing this institution as one of the leading centers in this country for the study and display of works of this type. It’s a watershed exhibition for us that makes a compelling case for the attention that should get paid by museums like ours to this fascinating and still little-known aspect of 20th-century art.”

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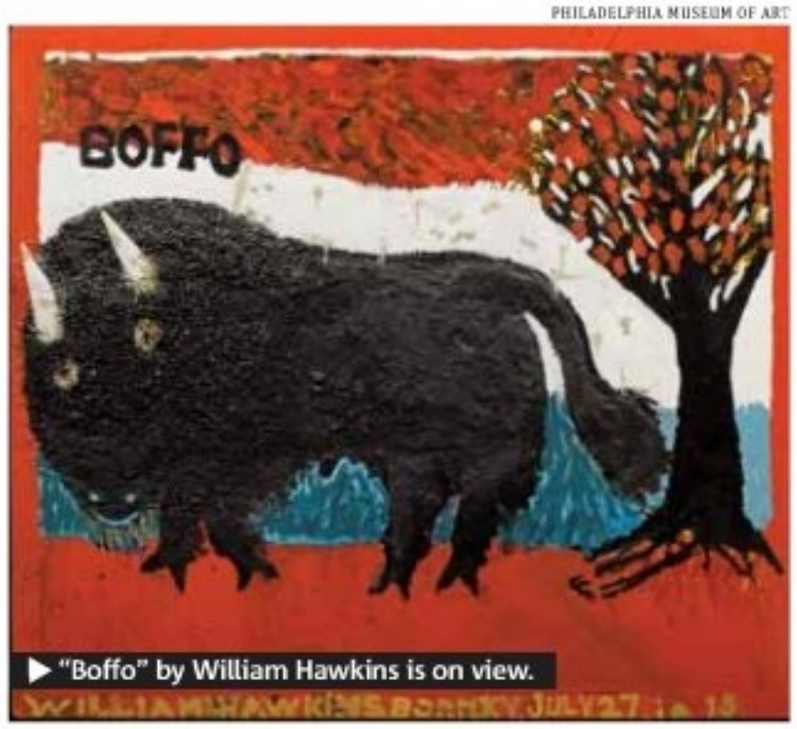

▶ “Boffo” by William Hawkins is on view.

▶ “Family Band” by Jon Serl is one of more than 200 pieces in “Great and Many Things.”

PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

Bonovitz defined outsider artists as having “certain common characteristics: They all are self-taught; they generally came from rural areas, untouched by the museum or gallery worlds; and they created the art because they wanted to create it, not with a view [of] selling it.”

Shaun Brady
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What’s on display

The exhibition itself comprises the work of 27 artists, including the chicken-bone sculptures of Eugene Von Bruenchenhein, the elaborate and colorful assemblages of Simon Sparrow, the fanciful animal carvings of Felipe Benito Archuleta and the religiously themed paintings of Howard Finster, who went on to design album covers for R.E.M. and the Talking Heads.

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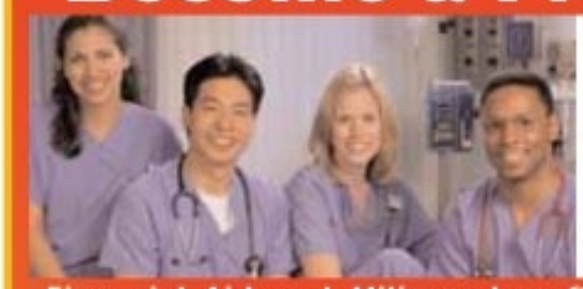

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▶ "The Last of Us" sends players to a post-apocalyptic world.

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So you've spent the lion's share of winter cooped up indoors, curled up in the fetal position and cursing your maker. Good news! Spring is almost here. Get out of that fetal position and, um, onto that couch. That's right. There are a bunch of cool video games coming out in the next few months.

'Luigi's Mansion: Dark Moon'
Console: 3DS
Company: Nintendo
Release date: March 24
Mario might be an expert world-saver and princess-rescuer, but Luigi has his skills too. In short, he busts ghosts. He's pretty much Bill Murray with a mustache. This new "Luigi's Mansion" title sends our green hero into multiple haunted mansions, complete with an array of poltergeist pinching paraphernalia. It can be played cooperatively online, as well.

'The Last of Us'
Console: PS3
Company: Naughty Dog
Release date: June 14
The PS3 is preparing to float off into that pixelated sunset. Help it go out with a bang with what could be its final exclusive blockbuster. "The Last of Us" is a haunting, beautiful and action-packed look into life after the apocalypse. Details on the plot are scarce, but the gameplay looks even tighter than the company's massively successful "Uncharted" series.

'Bioshock Infinite'
Console: PS3/360
Company: 2K Games
Release date: March 26
The first Bioshock wowed gamers with its unique take on the FPS genre. Also, it had the dubious honor of being the first video game to make reference to Ayn Rand. "Bioshock Infinite," the third game in the series, is a prequel of sorts. The action shifts to 1912 atop a utopian floating city. There is no way that is gonna end well.

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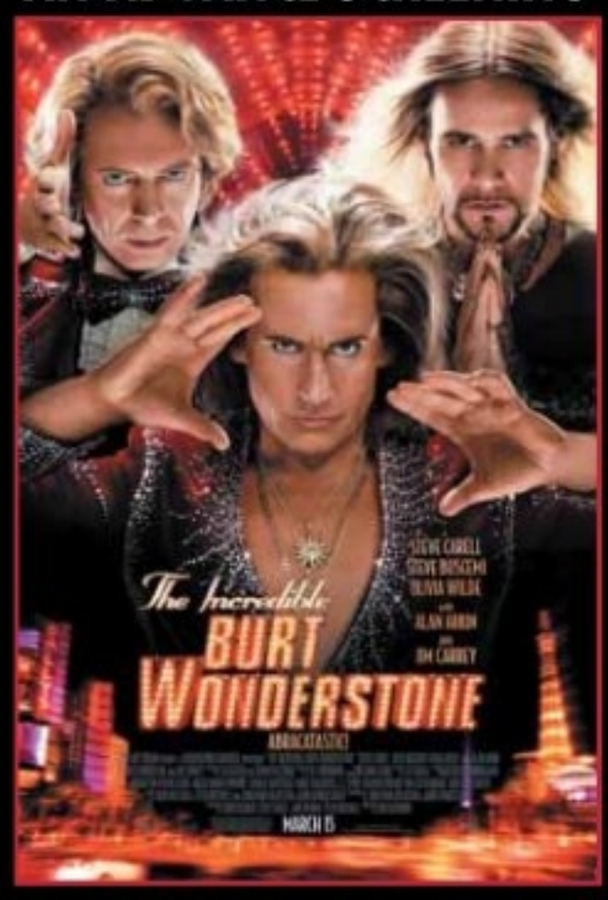

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Chanel

10:40 a.m.

There's a lot of change in the air in Paris right now, with so many new incarnations of old storied houses. This morning, insiders are still dumbfounded by what Hedi Slimane showed at Saint Laurent last night. So the consistency of Karl Lagerfeld's presence at Chanel is a reassuring source of stability for a small, gilded community of luxury houses in a state of constant flux. More than any other collection that he's shown in recent years, this one looked like pure Karl Lagerfeld. Maybe it's the by-product of his work, developing his recently resurrected namesake line, but his fall work featured all of the hallmarks of Chanel, with the slick, rocker-tinged note of futurism we've come to associate with its creative director. Standouts include a black tweed skirt suit done in glossy leather and a series of little black dresses, some embellished with patent strips, others with soft folds of white silk. Even the leather boots, covered in badass chains, look like something Karl himself would wear. It's as if the globe the models are revolving around is meant to remind us who the real king of Paris is.

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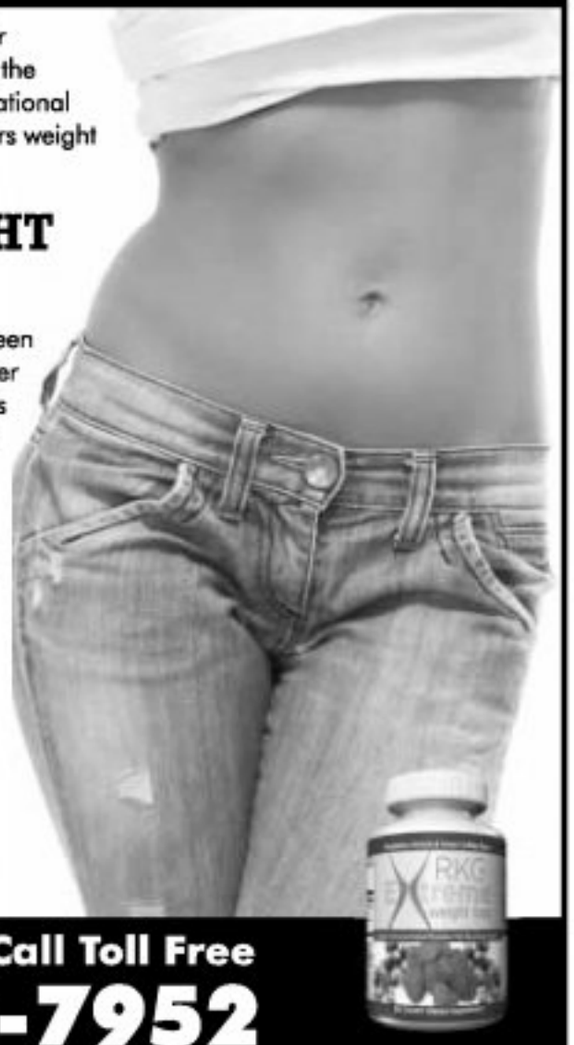

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3 Scrumptious dinner recipes you can overeat free of guilt

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These recipes are made with non-starchy vegetables and low-calorie condiments, so they fill you up without filling you out.

Zucchini Linguine
INGREDIENTS
4 large zucchini, peeled and cut into long strands
2 teaspoons crushed garlic
Onion powder, to taste
Olive oil spray
½ cup marinara sauce
INSTRUCTIONS: Spray a nonstick skillet with olive oil spray. Toss in zucchini, garlic and onion powder and saute for eight minutes. Add marinara sauce for the last two minutes. Twirl away!

Roasted Tomato and Garlic Soup
INGREDIENTS
4 28 oz. cans of peeled whole tomatoes in juice, drained and cut in half
20 cloves of garlic, peeled and cut in half lengthwise
1 small red onion, cut into thin slices
48 oz. low-sodium chicken broth
Onion powder, to taste
Garlic powder, to taste
Black pepper, to taste
Sea salt, to taste
Olive oil spray
INSTRUCTIONS: Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line two nonstick baking trays with tomatoes, garlic and onion. Coat lightly with olive oil spray and cover generously with black pepper, onion powder and garlic powder. Lightly sprinkle with sea salt. Roast both trays in the oven for about 25 minutes. Scoop contents into a large bowl or pot and add chicken broth as well. Carefully puree using an immersion blender until smooth.

▶ This Shanghai Stir-Fry is loaded with vegetables.

Shanghai Stir-Fry
INGREDIENTS
2 cups bok choy, chopped
1 cup sugar snap peas
2 cups broccoli slaw
1 cup shitake mushrooms, chopped
1 cup button mushrooms, chopped
2 red peppers, diced
1 small can sliced water chestnuts
1 tablespoon fresh ginger, minced
1½ cups low sodium chicken broth
2 tablespoons scallions, chopped
1 tablespoon wasabi mustard
2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
INSTRUCTIONS: Spray a non-stick skillet with olive oil spray and add mushrooms, peppers and bok choy. Saute for two minutes, then add broccoli slaw. Slowly add as much chicken broth as needed to keep the mixture from burning. Add ginger, water chestnuts and scallions. Continue to cook until vegetables are at desired level of crunchiness. Mix the wasabi mustard, soy sauce and the rest of the chicken broth to form a sauce. Pour onto the vegetables and mix throughout for one minute.

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Tips for a pain-free commute

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▶ Sleeping during your commute can strain your neck — and your relationship with the rider next to you.

If you're on the train or bus right now, do this little self-check: Are you bending your neck to read this? Are you fidgeting from one foot to the next? Is there a heavy bag on your shoulder? If so, those little aches and pains you've been complaining about might be due to your commute.

"I hear this all the time with patients," says Dr. Louis Peterson, a chiropractic physician in New York City. "They'll come in [saying] 'Oh, my neck's sore.' Those little things start to add up."

We asked Dr. Peterson the proper way to travel to and from work.

1 Try to stay awake: Anyone looking for some extra Z's shouldn't find them on the way to work: "When [commuters] fall asleep, with their neck stuck to one side, eventually problems [develop]," Dr. Peterson says. The fix: "Have your neck up and supported."

2 Hold your book (or your Metro!) up: "When you're commuting, you're spending a lot of time reading and your head is face-down. That causes issues with the neck."

3 Carry your bags correctly: "Backpacks are the acceptable bags," Dr. Peterson warns. If you have a purse, "hold it in your hand, not on your shoulder, [because the shoulder] is where you get problems." Indeed, if you rest a bag there, your shoulder can "get tilted one way or the other."

Balance

Distribute your weight.

"You shouldn't be on one foot or the other," Dr. Peterson says. And don't get distracted: reading or using your phone causes your neck to tilt downwards.

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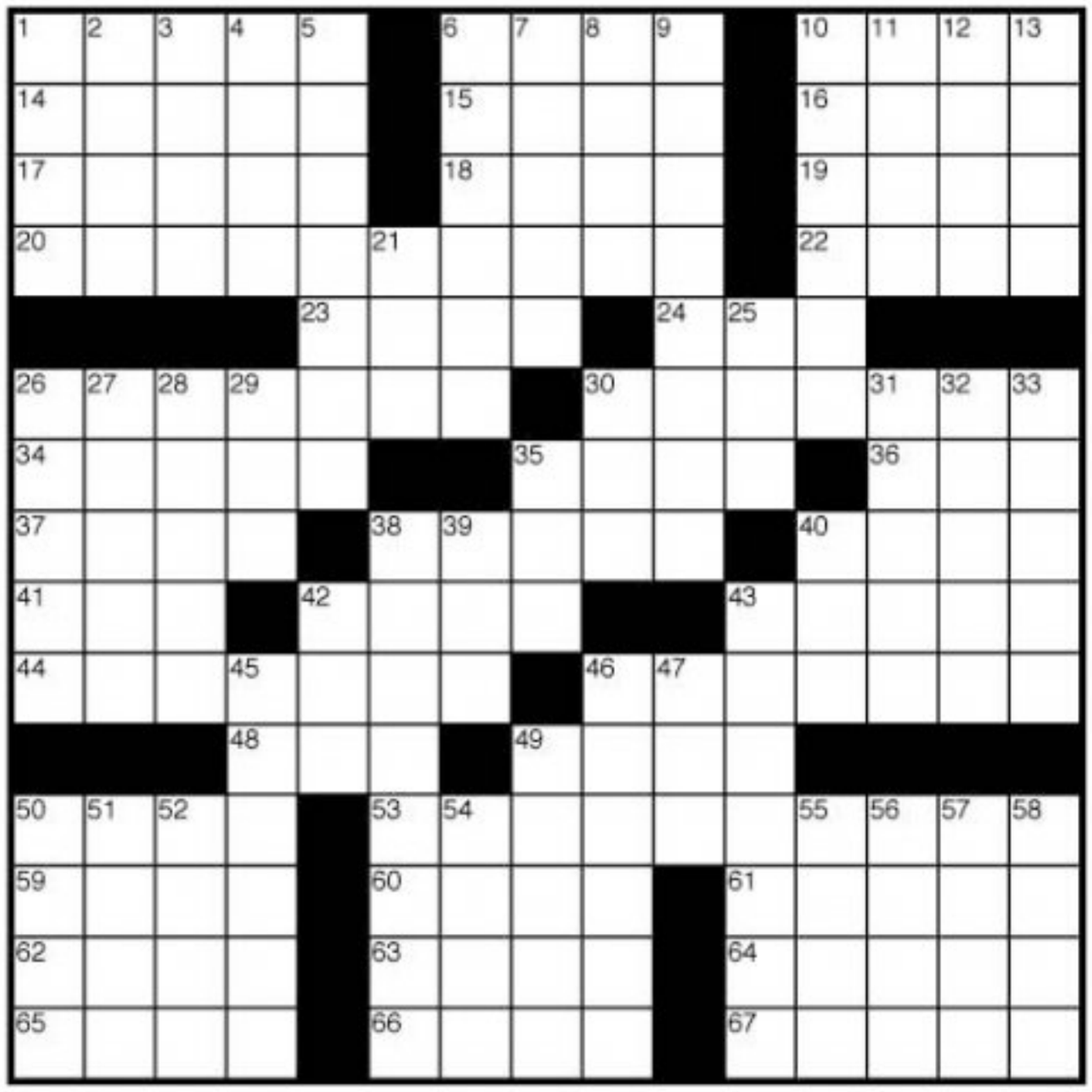

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Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If you employ a little elbow grease, something you desperately want could come within your grasp. However, don't rely on Lady Luck to do everything for you.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Lucky you: You have a very dependable friend who will come to your aid when you need it the most. Your pal will help out quietly, but don't let that stop you from showing your gratitude to him.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Your brain will be like a sponge, enabling you to absorb whatever knowledge you need. You'll use it advantageously, to boot.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** One of your best assets is your ability to fit well into others' projects, making your input and presence an integral part of the whole.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You've done your best to continuously improve your negotiating skills. This will become evident when an agreement needs hammering out.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Someone you helped in the past has been eager to find a way to repay you in some manner. What he or she ends up doing will be worth more than your original act.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Something quite pleasant as well as a bit extraordinary is likely to develop through the good offices of certain contacts. What transpires next will have far-reaching effects.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** The life span of a rewarding endeavor can be expanded if you seize the opportunity. However, it may take a little bit of cooperation from a few of your associates.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If there is something important that you want to discuss with another, the best place to do so would be in a social setting. However, try to lead up to the subject gradually.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Something that could enhance your material interests might develop. It could be quite surprising, but don't waste time being shocked — act on it immediately.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Some good news that you've longed for might finally arrive. If this is the case, chances are it'll come sometime after lunch.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Instead of trying hard to make things happen, you'd be wise to let events take their natural course. Besides, you're likely to do better when you're not in the driver's seat.

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

Letters

It's a food chain, not a food co-op

RE: "PRIDE AND PREJUDICE IN COMPARING ANIMALS VS. HUMANS" (METRO, MARCH 5) In the letter written by Feng Xia, it says, "The argument that animals are inferior to human is just bizarre." I think the author's thought is bizarre. In religion, human beings are the most precious species; in evolution, human beings are the most advanced animal. Then I want to know on what ground that makes you think that animals are equal to humans. It is you who raises the pets; it is not the pets that raise you. People are too easily overwhelmed by their affection but get lost in their rationality. I love animals, and I'm against any kind of behavior of animal abusing, but I do not think that animals are equal to human beings. To make it simple: When you are fighting with a wolf, which side do you think we should help?

JIM KING, VIA E-MAIL

RE: "ANIMALS HAVE INTRINSIC VALUE" (METRO, MARCH 4) Since the crazies have weighed in, I have to comment. The people that feel this way about pets are usually the people who have difficulty dealing with other speaking, thinking human beings. Of course its easy to deal with an animals' unconditional love because as long as a person feeds that animal, it will overlook all the idiotic things he or she does. That non-verbal pet will never question their owner's stupidity as long as there is a full bowl of food and water where the animal can reach it. The last time I looked, I was at the top of the food chain and find it downright insulting to have to consider a dog or cat as my equal. Don't get it twisted — I am a cat person and have had one all my adult life.

CHARLETTE M. PARNS, VIA E-MAIL

Quoted

"I have never neglected or abused my pets, but I have also never afforded them human status. When they start talking and paying taxes and contributing to the GNP of my home, then I'll look at them differently."

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Revere still kid at heart

New Phillie loves engaging young fans ◗ Fleet outfielder resembles Pierre ◗ Sure to be fan fave

Five batting gloves were tossed in the direction of seven kids clamoring for autographs in the picnic area outside the Phillies' clubhouse at Bright House Field.

"I never saw that before," a fan cried after Ben Revere gave them unexpected gifts on the first day of spring training.

There's something else that Revere provides that fans haven't seen in a long time — a genuine slap hitter who strikes out as often as Ryan Howard tries to go the other way.

Revere whiffed just 54 times in 511 at-bats last season in Minnesota.

"My job is to get the bat on the ball," Revere said. "That's what I do. I have to get on base so these big guys, like Chase Utley, Michael Young, Ryan Howard and Domonic Brown can drive me in."

Revere, 24, is a young Juan Pierre. The speedy center fielder has a perpetual smile on his face, the sort that Jimmy Rollins sported in his salad days. Revere, who stole 40 bases last season, is playful, funny and accommodating.

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▶ Revere stole 40 bags for the Twins, and he isn't a free swinger.

He often wears a T-shirt with the word "Reckless" under his uniform. That's the way he plays center. He goes after the ball with total abandon and has already made a number of fine catches during the first week of Grapefruit League games.

"That's my job," Revere said. "I'm here to play the best center field possible. I'm going to be out there trying to save runs and be aggressive on the base paths. I'm trying to save runs, score runs and win ball games."

Revere, who has been mixing it up with the kids by inking baseballs and giving away pieces of his equipment, is a healthy bet to become a fan favorite.

"It wasn't that long ago that I was a kid, so if anybody can relate to the kids hanging out, it should be me," he said. "I'm about the youngest guy on the team, and I remember what it was like to be 13 or 14 years old loving baseball. I'm one of the lucky ones who made it."

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Hamels chased in third in loss to Dominican

The Dominican Republic team tagged Cole Hamels for 12 hits and eight runs in 2 2/3 innings yesterday in a tune-up for the World Baseball Classic. The Phils lost the game, 15-2.

Hamels was pulled in the third inning against a squad featuring Hanley Ramirez, Miguel Tejada, Jose Reyes, Nelson Cruz and Robinson Cano. Laynce Nix, serving as DH, stroked a solo home run for the Phillies.

Roy Halladay takes the mound for the Phils today (1:05 p.m.) vs. the Nationals. The game will air live on MLB.tv.

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Speed pass

A look at some other fleet-footed players in recent Phillies history:

- **Juan Samuel:** He may not look like someone that could fly from first to third, but Samuel could move. Back in the day, Harry Kalas would scream, "Run, Sammy, run!" as the Phillies' third base coach would round third.
- **Lonnie Smith:** He's one of the more exciting base stealers in Phillies history. Smith was great — as long as he stayed on his feet.
- **Jimmy Rollins:** Believe it or not, Rollins has the most stolen bases in franchise history at 403, which is good for 71st all-time. J-Roll's talent at the plate, and in the field, overshadows how successful he's been on the base paths.

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▶ Rollins

In the news

Eagles add AFL QB G.J. Kinne

The Eagles officially signed G.J. Kinne to a two-year contract yesterday. The move was first reported last week by CSNPhilly.com.

Kinne attended Tulsa University, where he ranked second in passing yards (9,472), total offense (10,831) and passing TDs (81). At Tulsa, he played alongside Eagles WR Damaris Johnson.

In 2012, Kinne split time with the UFL's Omaha Nighthawks and AFL's San Antonio Talons.

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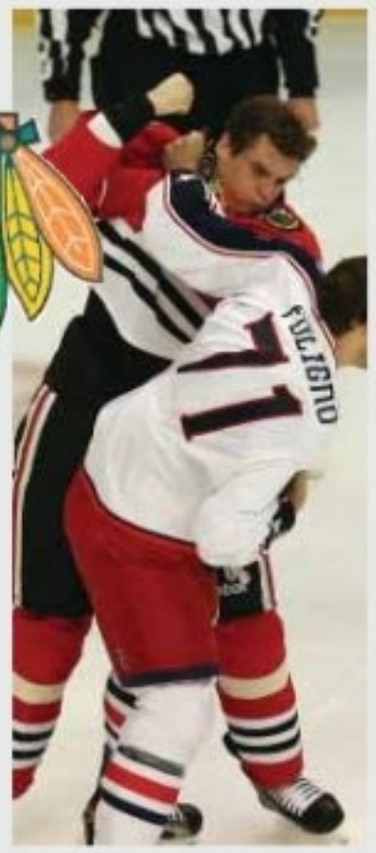

2 DUCKS (15-3-3)
They don't have many nationally broadcast games, since nobody thought they'd be this good. But if you have NHL Center Ice, you know all about the Ducks.

3 CANADIENS (14-4-4)
The Bruins could be here since the Canadiens have played three more games than them, but we'll go with Montreal since they won 4-3 in Boston on Sunday.

4 BRUINS (14-3-2)
Boston had its six-game win streak snapped on Sunday night against Montreal, but they have been playing great hockey on the whole.

5 PENGUINS (15-8-0)
The Penguins have 30 points, just like the Bruins, but they have played four more games. Also, Pittsburgh leads the NHL with 81 goals.

6 CANUCKS (11-6-4)
There is a seismic drop from Pittsburgh to Vancouver. The Canucks haven't played well in their last 10 games, but you have to respect their talent.

7 LEAFS (14-9-0)
It is still hard to take the Leafs too seriously, but they are treading water while many teams around them fall back due to major injuries or terrible play.

8 COYOTES (11-8-3)
The Coyotes are 6-3-1 in their last 10 games, which means something in the Western Conference (the superior conference). They've built a good team.

9 KINGS (11-7-2)
Outside of the Blackhawks, there is no hotter team in the NHL than the defending Stanley Cup champions. They are 8-2-0 in their last 10 games.

10 CANES (12-8-1)
This will probably be a short stay this high in the rankings since goaltender Cam Ward hurt his knee and is expected to be out 6-8 weeks.

11 SENATORS (12-7-4)
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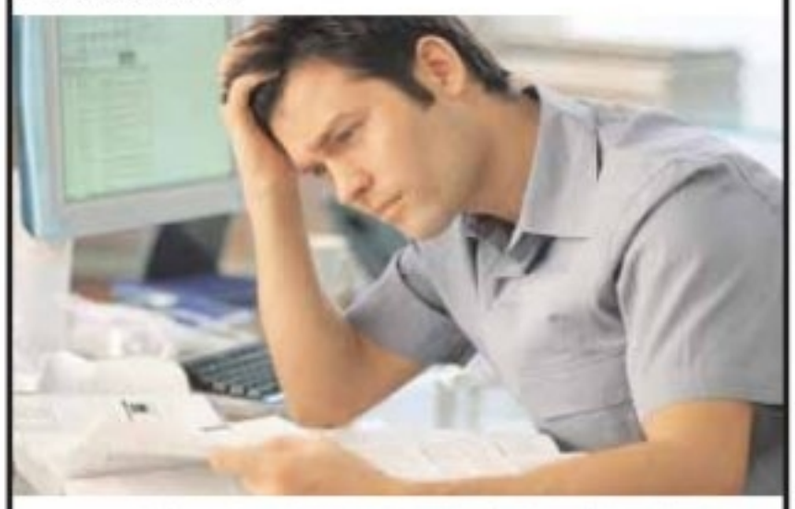

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In the news

Home prices rose in January: CoreLogic

Home prices rose at the beginning of the year, another sign the recovery in the housing market is gaining traction, data from CoreLogic showed on Tuesday.

CoreLogic's home price index rose 0.7 percent in January from the previous month and jumped 9.7 percent compared to a year ago. It was the biggest yearly increase since April 2006 and the 11th month in a row that prices have increased.

The report forecast prices would fall by 0.3 percent in February as part of a typical winter slowdown. Still, for the year they are up 9.7 percent.

"With these gains, the housing market is poised to enter the spring selling season on a sound footing," Mark Fleming, chief economist at CoreLogic, said in a statement. REUTERS

Pop-up shop

Etsy pop-up at West Elm

Savor local refreshments, courtesy of Federal Donuts and La Colombe Coffee, and support independent designers this Saturday at West Elm. Design blogger Jaime Derringer partnered with West Elm to bring in a dozen talented Etsy crafters from the Philly area to display and sell their one-of-a-kind wares in a special pop-up inside the store.

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Satiating your spring fever

Get a head start on the growing season Or plant inside for year-round greenery

It's a little too early to let spring fever take you over entirely. There is still a possibility of snow, after all. But that doesn't mean we don't get eager when thinking ahead to April showers and May flowers. With the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's famous Philadelphia Flower Show in full bloom, we checked in with Patricia Schrieber, who has been with PHS for more than 30 years for the best ways to prep for a colorful season.

For those that can't wait

If you're just dying to start digging in the dirt, Schrieber suggests sticking with something sturdy that can withstand the cold weather and the possibility of frost. "A hearty perennial or a shrub would be fine to plant now," she says. Check with your local nursery to see which perennials are the toughest, most weather-resistant options for your area.

Planting in the great indoors

Be prepared before you begin your hunt for indoor plants. "Know which windows get the most light in your house or apartment, then you can get the right plant for the right place," says Schrieber. "Usually, if a window gets at least five hours of sunlight, that's equal to 'full sunlight.'" Think of it this way: You wouldn't go couch shopping without measuring your living room first.

Start smart, not big

Don't get lured in by beautiful but fussy foliage. If you're a newbie on the plant front, stick with the greens that you can keep alive. "Try to match the

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▶ It's not too early to start prepping your spring garden.

Seeds or starter plants: Which is right for you?

Of course, starter plants are easier to work with and require less attention than seeds. But if you don't call yourself a novice, go the seed route. Just make sure you have an area indoors that is well lit and has good air circulation. If the circulation is minimal you could experience ceiling rot, which can be caused by the plants' moisture.

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plant to the condition, then you'll feel good," says Schrieber. "And be smart about what you're buying," she warns. "Start small, be successful, then take on more."

Branch out in your community

Not enough space inside or outside your home to grow the luscious garden you've been dreaming of? Not a problem. The solution to small space is a community garden. There you can grow and — as Schrieber suggests — share. "If you have too many seeds or more plants than room, share with people. Some gardeners are happy to do a seed swap," says Schrieber.

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